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Filed: January 25, 2002

Title: **PROTECTING GROUPS FOR CARBOHYDRATE SYNTHESIS**

Inventors: Gyula Dekany et al

Our Reference: 26979-0002 C1

Please see the accompanying documents in response to the Final Office Action, mailed on March 23, 2004, for the above referenced application. Thank you.

- 1) Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal
- 2) Preliminary Amendment and Response and a copy of Hunger, et al., *Agnew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2004, 43, 1104-1107
- 3) Authorization to Charge Deposit Account

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	Group Art Unit	1623
	Examiner Name	Devesh Khare
	Attorney Docket Number	26979-0002 C1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. s 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.**
  - a. ☐ Previously submitted
    - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
    - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
    - iii. ☐ Other
  - b. ☒ Enclosed
    - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply with a copy of Hunger, et al., *Agnew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2004, 43, 1104-1107
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☐ Other
2. **Miscellaneous**
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  - b. ☐ Other
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Docket No. 26979-0002 C1)
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$770.00)
    - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other
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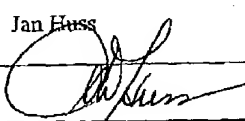
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: Examiner: Devesh Khare

For: Protecting Groups for Carbohydrate Synthesis

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Response to Office Action accompanies a Request for Continued Examination of the above indicated application. In response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Applicants thank Supervisory Patent Examiner James O. Wilson for the courtesy of a telephonic interview on June 2, 2004 in order to advance examination of this application.